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From the Kokome (Ind.) Tribune. The Empty Nest.

B. S. PARKER.

hold within the hollow of my hand, A little nest of twigs and wool entwined By some wee mother that has fled the land,

Child of the Summer, she to Summer gave Her happy singing offspring, and behold They By with Summer, over land wave, And warble in her atmosphere of gold.

keep, within the casket of my soul. The empty nest where many hopes were born. That fled beyond my eager youth's control And left me lonely, sorrowing and forlors.

Children of youth, with youth they ever fly,

But never fold their wings in any cage, Divinely sing in boyhood's happy sky, But fice from the chill atmosphere of age.

Miss. Stafford, the Patriot.

The End a Life that has been On Long Adoration of Uncle Sam. Miss Sarah Smith Stafford, the patriot and philanthropist, died in Trenton on Tuesday of last week, at an advanced age. Her life was remarkable for its entire devotion to the republic, to the memory of her beroic father and the relics of the war of Independence. Lieutenant James Bayard Stafford, her father, was with Captain Paul Jones on the 23d of September 1776, and in the white heat of the memorable battle beetween the Serapis and the Bon Homme Richard, leaped into the sea, seized the flag that had been shot away and planted it once more at the masthead. This was but one of the brave deeds of the lieutenant, who served in the American navy for eight years, dying at last from the From her girlhood Miss Stafford was, so to say, clad in a petticoat of red, white and blue, with the pride of sincerity. She assailed the ears of the earlier statesmen at Washington with her claim for outlays made by her mother to help along the revolution, Quincy Adams, afterwards President, day, of the bill introduced by Mr. Up-Sam Houston and others of the old day, son. finding themselves spell-bound by the she did not wear trousers, but she did War as a military necessity, we feel tune of \$15,000 in sold for the defendance of the ability of of our able deletune of \$15,000 in gold for the defense of the Union, Many were the trials of the dear old lady, for a few years ago she was robbed of about \$15,000 and left so penniless that she asked congress to give her a pension. Both Senate and House passed a bill for her relief with such a whirlwind of cheers as was never before heard in the chambers, Miss Stafford was the custodian of valuable relies of of the Revo

#### his way to victory on the decks of the famous cruiser.

spangled banner ever made in this

A Habit of the Highlanders. Highlanders have the habit when talking their English, such as it is, of interjecting the personal pronoun 'he' where it is not required, such as 'the king he has come.' Often in consequence a sentence is rendered extremely ridiculous. A gentleman says he lately listened to the Rev. Mr .who began his discourse thus: 'My friends, you will find my text in the first epistle of Peter, fifth chapter and

a pond to except the bullet.

The Military Railway to The Rio Grande.

San Antonio and Mexican Bordor rail- letter written by him to a member of churches in the State is 872, with way is meeting with much favor. Gen. the English Parliament. Mr. Hall a total membership of 113,744—which James W. Barnes, president of the found the letter in 1873 among a lot of is seven fewer churches than were recompany, is on the ground as he waste paper. It reads as follows: has been for nearly two years, show. ing the importance of this line, not on Mr. Strahan: ly as a military necessity, but as the greatest civilizing influence that could stated, a few days ago, this enterprise. You have begun to burn our towns as it now stands, is in the hands of excellent citizens of Texas, who pro- your hands! They are stained with pose to use their best endeavors to do ture, for this state, and we earnestly enemy, and I am yours. hope they will speedily succeed in their undertakings. The importance of the line from San Antonio to the Mexican border at Laredo is incalculable, not only to Texas, but to the entire country. This road would connect at San Antonio, with the Pierce road and with the International, and also, in time, with the Missouri Kansas and Texas railway, and within two years after the bill becomes a law, it is said, this military line to Laredo will be completed. If this bill becomes a law, and the people of Texas devoutly hope for such a result, there will is on the right of the northern gate to soon be secured that outlet which we the far famed Highlands of the Hudhave in vain hoped so long for, by son. It is prodably the highest mounwhich the happiest results to both this tain on either side of the river, and country and Mexico would ensue. For years companies having lines of rail way pointing towards the Rio Grande treat. The Journal's Cornwall correhave failed to meet promises, and it effect of wounds received in Sattle has been demonstrated that the gov this enterprise are the Hon. Samuel J. ernment aid is one of the necessary Tilden, Capt. Van Santvoord of the things to be secured in accomplishing Albany day line of passenger steamers; railroad connection between to the two countries. Now it appears that Gen. Barnes' active interest in building a railroad to the border insures its success, and we hope every Texan will and she got the money too, John aid in securing the passage, at an early

Our Cenators and Representatives eloquence of ancestral acts. When cannot serve the people in any enterthe great rebellion came about Miss prise more laudable than this one. Stafford could not go to war because With the endorsement of the road by

## The Farmer's Outlook.

For 1880, in Texas, is a good one thus far. But Texas farmers must not be carried away by the high price of cot ton. An exchange very properly says "The advance in the price of cotton is lution, as well as the only person of causing other interest to be neglected her sex who has been honored with a and the entire energies of the farmer membership in the New Jersey Histo be concentrated upon cotton. There torical Society. Her chief pride and is every indication that the acreage glory was that she owned the first starwill be unusually large. It is equally evident that the cost of producing the country. The flag is the same that crop of 1880, by reason of the higher her father saved for the Bon Homme price of everything required to pro-Richard, It contained twelve stars, duce it, including meat and mules because at the battle only twelve of will be much greater than that of prothe colonies had ratified the articles of ducing the crop of the past year, when confederation. Among other relies is the sabre with which Paul Jones hewed production, or should the price of cotprophet to foretell the result. The ment of cotton, we do urge the imporcost.

Every farmer should raise sufficient hogs to produce his own meat. The eighth verse: 'The devil he goeth amount of money annually expended about like a roaring lion, seeking for western meat, if kept at home, whom he may devour.' Now, my would tell materially upon the generbrethren, for your instruction I have al prosperity of the country. Also divided my text into four heads. First Corn. The farmer who has reached the ly, we shall endeavor to ascertain who point of raising his own meat, should the devil he was. Secondly, we shall go a step farther and prepare to raise inquire into his geographical position, everything he could grow to advantage namely, 'Where the devil he was and at home, The advantages of our soil where the devil he was going?' Third- and climate are such that we can raise ly, who the devil he was seeking. And in Texas nearly every article of an agfourthly and lastly, we shall endeavor ricultural nature. With milder winto solve a question which has never ters and chesper lands, a horse been solved-what the devil he was or mule in Texas can be raised more chesply than in Kentucky or Tennessee. The basis of cheap stock is good A stage load of passengers were grass. With proper effort, good pas-

Commerce.

Letter of Dr. Franklin. Abraham Hall, of West Chester,

Private advices from Washington go Pa., possesses an interesting relic of for 1880, just published, it appears to show that the bill providing for the Benjamin Franklin, in the shape of a that the whole number of Baptist

PHILADELPHIA, July 5, 1775.

You are a member of Parliament, and one of that majority which has be made to prevail on the border. As doomed my country to destruction. and murder our people. Look upon the blood of your relations. You and all in their power, now and in the fu- I were long friends. You are now my

B. FRANKLIN. [The statement that the above first a fac-simile of the original in Franklin's hand-writing, some thirty years Lady's Book .- ED. FREE PRESS.

Mr. Tilden's Hotel Project. NEWBURGH, Feb. 1.-Surveyors are prospecting for a site on which to erect a mammoth hotel on Butter Hill, or Storm King, as it is now known, which without doubt one of the finest and most suitable spots for a summer respondent says that the promoters of the Hon. John Bigelow, and others whose wealth and business activity assure the success of the project. The elevation and the unrivaled scenery make the spot one of the most desireable in America for a summer resort.

Micaragua Wheat Again. To the Editor of the Courier Journal.

Ennis, Ellis county, Texas, Jan. 4, has met with here has been from millers. They have objected to it because of its extreme hardness; but many of them are now learning to grind it, and with all such it is fast becoming a favorite wheat. It makes a first-class grade of flour. If S. E. R. will write to J. C. Gibson, of Waxahatchie, he will furnish him seed, or refer him to

of a case of a woman in Iowa recover- and morality party" is Conking twelve thousand dollars, under the ling's plan to have each district of the civil damage act from a saloon keep- state of New York to appoint its own The following is part of the story:

parties that can.

labor and all supplies could be had on the harm done her in making her districts have been so gerrymandered much more favorable terms. Should husband a drunkard, and reducing that the Democrats, with a majority in the year prove a disastrous one in her from affluence to poverty. Most the whole State, control only a minorof them paid her something to stop the ity of them. The Republicans elect a ton, by reason of over production, rule suits. One of them stood out, and re- majority of the congressmen and would correspondingly low, it will require no sisted her claims to the end. The end choose or appoint a majority of the elecyear commenced with such high hope; ten thousand dollars to reimburse the ral vote of the state to the Republican close with disappointment and disaster. money her husband had squandered, candidates. Nor could the two elec-While we do not urge the abandon- and two thousand dollars to pay for punishment. The dealer complained tance of raising such stock upon the of this as unjust, because he onfarm as will secure cotton at the least | ly sold beer and wine, and the wife gave him leave to do so, and because twelve thousand dollars was too much in any case. The judges said it was no matter what he sold so that the husband was made a drunkard, by it and twelve thousand dollars was not at all too much, considering the property and income the husband had lost.'

A Frenchman living in Louisiana whose wife deserted him, amused his neighbors by telling how he got her back without trouble. 'Did I rug after her to come back?' he dramatically asked. 'No, I did not run after ber, I zhust publish in ze papaire zat I have drawn fifty tousand dollars in ze lottery, and she was back much quicker man in no time!"

Clergyman: "So I heard you've got startled when a desperado brandished turage can be secured almost the entire married again, Jacobs." Jacobs: "Yes. a knife and swore he would kill the year through. Too little attention is sir, I thought as how as winter was driver, and they laughed when the dri- given to supply stock with pasturage- coming on' and Betty she'd got one finence, bronchitis, congestion of ver savagely drew an old, black pipe, too little effort to establish lands per- blanket and Ld got cother, we mucht lunes, and hard dry coughs, this may and the scarcel desperade planged into manually in grass.—[Cal. Journal of as well make em a pair, and be more diptheria and that it will cure the eanfortable like."

STATISTICS OF N. Y. BAPTISTS .-From the New York Baptist Annual ported last year, and 377 more members. Of baptisms there were 4,133, 824 fewer last year than in the previous year. Four churches have more than 8000 members. These are the Abyssinian of New York, which has 1,400 members; the Strong Place Brooklyn. which has 898; the church at Binghampton, with 857, and the Calvary of New York with 817. Thirty churches have 500 members or more; 119 have at least 200, and 222 have 100 members and upwards. There are 494 which have fewer than 100 members. The reported valuation of all came to light in 1873 is a very great the church property in the state is error. We distinctly remember seeing \$7,775,780, on which there are encumbrances to the amount of \$660,919, showing a reduction of indebtedness ago. We believe it was in Godey's for the year of \$71,806. At the same time there has been paid out for improvements the sum of \$130,920, which is \$37,660 in excess of the sum paid out last year. The gifts for benevolent purposes have exceeded those of last year by nearly \$20,000.

NOT PERMITTED TO MARRY.-Dr. A. D. Maderia, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church at Kansas City, Mo., desire to marry again, but his congregation are opposed to his doing so. He is now past fifty years of age, has been twice married and possesses a family of nine children, all of whom live in Kansas City. He is one of the leading divines in that town, and his church is a very large and influential one. The lady whom the wishes to marry is Mrs Diggs, the daughter of a county judge, and said to be both handsome and accomplished. She is about thirty-three years of age; her family is of the best and her place in society is high. It appears however, that Mrs. Diggs has been divorced from a former husband and this has 880 .- I see in your issue of Decem- aroused the opposition. Recently it ber 22nd, that S. E. R. of Columbia, was decided to hold a church meeting S. C' wishes information in regard to to consider the case. This according. Nicaragua wheat. In answer I would ly was done and Dr. Madeira was say that I regard it as one of the best heard in his own defence. He quoted varieties of wheat that is grown in this largely from the Scriptures and cited part of our state, and believe it to be secular authority to show that marriadapted to the Southern States generally. The greatest drawback that it in the eyes of God and man. Many of opposition still remains however, and further action by the church is probable, although it is believed that Dr. Madeira will bravely marry Mrs. Diggs and take all the consequences.

"For ways that are dark and tricks thatfare (not) vain," the average Republican leader is peculiar. The latest development of rascality by one of The western papers give an account these members of the "God electors for President and vice Presi-"The woman brought lawsuits dent, instead of allowing them to be against the eight saloon keepers for voted for by the State at large. These was that the jury condemned him to pay tors who could therefore give the electotors to be appointed by the state at large change the result. We can on. ly hope that this dispicable piece of villainy will rebound like a boomerang on the heads of its perpetrators, and that whatever they gain in New York will be more than counterbalance od by Republican losses in other states.

> Engch T. Carson, Esq., of Cincinnati, probably knows as much about Masonry as anybody in the United States, and stands nearly, or quite at the head of the order in this country. He has no faith in the so called discovery of masonic emblems at the base of Cleopatras Needle; and advises his Masonic friends to "wait for the facts" before going into ecstaples on the subject. He considers Masonry old enough, and respectable enough, without claiming that it existed, in its present form, at so early a day, in Egypt-a claim which he pronounces perfectly abourd.

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